

BERLIN IS GAY
OVER DEFEAT
OF RUSSIANSSchool Children Given Hol-
iday and Flags Flying
In the City

TAKE 26,000 OF ENEMY

Czar's Troops in East Prussia
Are Falling Back to Chain
of Fortresses.

London, Feb. 13.—Emperor William received Field Marshal Von Hindenburg on the eastern battle front Friday, and it was decided to make a renewed dash for Warsaw next week, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam. The emperor is said to be anxious that the Polish capital be taken before the next meeting of the Reichstag in order to induce the house to vote new war loan without opposition.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Morning papers hail the victory in east Prussia particularly as removing further danger of invasion of that province. They point to the Russian report of the battle as an indication of the complete defeat, as it admits that the Russians are falling back to the protection of their chain of fortresses. Capture of 26,000 prisoners, reported in a German official communication given out late yesterday, means practically an entire army corps put out of fighting. The fact that the number of guns captured is comparatively small, indicates, it is said, that the Russians, reported already to have lost a third of their artillery through capture, are now insufficiently equipped in this arm of the service. The press expresses hope for further good news from the battle still proceeding in some parts of the eastern line. Children in the schools were given a holiday today and flags were flying over the city in honor of the victory.

QUAKE AND TIDAL WAVE
WITH SAMOA HURRICANE

Tutuila American Samoa, Feb. 13, by wireless.—Not only a hurricane, but with it an earthquake and a tidal wave, swept No Man's Island of the Samoan group, as reported here two days ago. Fuller details received yesterday show that three persons were killed, one of whom was beheaded by flying wreckage.

Entire villages disappeared. Those of which traces remained were ruined utterly. All shipping either was destroyed or badly damaged.

Three-fourths of the coconuts palms on which the islanders depend for nourishment and their commerce in copra, were leveled, and all the remainder injured. Some plantations were wiped out. It will be a year before any food plants can be brought into bearing again, and 3,000 inhabitants are destitute.

The American gunboat Princeton is conveying food, clothing and temporary assistance, but the need for further aid is urgent, as the food supply is so low that starvation will set in before three weeks are out. The South seas have known hurricanes before, but the situation left in the wake of this one is described as unprecedented.

At the height of the storm the fury of the winds was unbelievable. Iron roofs were torn off and blown three miles. The very soil was torn from the coral rock and the coffins in new-made graves were left exposed. At one time the barometer stood at 27.59, one time the thermometer at 75.59.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Today's dispatch from Tutuila to the Associated Press and its brief predecessor of Wednesday are the first news dispatches ever received in America from the far South seas.

A government wireless station was established at Tutuila last summer. From there the message probably was caught by the station by the station at Apia and thence it was relayed to the powerful commercial station at Honolulu.

TWO PRIESTS, BROTHERS,
PASS AWAY IN ONE WEEK

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 13.—Rev. Father Martin J. Dowling, one of the leading Jesuit educators of the United States, is dead, aged 64. A brother, Rev. Father James Dowling of Chicago, died last week.

WHEAT FALLS OFF
OVER NINE CENTS

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—Stop loss selling of wheat led to wild downward swings in prices today. Approaching the final hour the market crashed to a point 9 1/4 under Thursday's close, May going as low as \$1.50 and closed at \$1.54 1/4. Trade was on a large scale.

HEART-BEATS

POWERS JOINED IN
ANTI-OPIMUM PACTUNITED STATES, CHINA AND
NETHERLANDS PUT CONVEN-
TION INTO OPERATION.

The Hague, Feb. 13, via London.—The protocol of the anti-opium convention of 1912, which aims at the suppression of the opium traffic and international traffic in cocaine and other noxious and habit-forming drugs, was signed at the Hague yesterday by Henry Van Dyke, the American minister to the Netherlands; Tang Tsing Fon, the Chinese minister, and M. Loudon, the Netherlands minister of foreign affairs.

The affixing of their signatures to the protocol by these three diplomats puts the convention into immediate force for the signatory countries, which comprise approximately 475,000,000 inhabitants, China with an estimated population of 330,000,000; the United States, 100,000,000, and the Netherlands and her dependencies, 45,000,000.

At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Van Dyke said: "The terrible fact that this enormous war is in progress should not make civilized nations ignore things which operate for the welfare of mankind."

"The opium convention aims at putting a stop to the vicious trade in opium as an intoxicant, and at imposing the strictest regulation of the legitimate commerce in opium for purely medicinal purposes. I hope that the three nations which have taken the first definite step in this direction soon will be followed by many others."

The international opium conference held a series of meetings at The Hague in June of last year, some 44 nations being represented. Before adjourning, the conference requested Foreign Minister Loudon to obtain ratifications from the adhering powers.

UKASE SUSPENDS DUMA;
WILL MEET IN DECEMBER

Petrograd, Feb. 13.—The session of the duma has been suspended by imperial ukase until the middle of December at the latest. Before suspending its sittings the duma adopted the following resolutions:

"First, that the government take as rapidly as possible measures for the relief of the provinces which have suffered from the operations of the war."

"Second, that the government work out plans for a complementary law on pensions."

"Third, that the military reserves doing service as police be summoned to the colors and be replaced by soldiers who have left the army service but still are capable of performing police duty."

PLAGUE FOUND IN HAVANA

Two Cases Discovered and Officials Act Promptly.
Havana, Cuba, Feb. 13.—Two cases of bubonic plague have been discovered here. Three days ago there was one death from this disease. All of these cases are believed to have originated at the wharves used by European steamers. The sanitary authorities have disinfected the wharves and all houses in the vicinity of those in which the cases were discovered, which are in the quarter of the city near the harbor.

The War Today

Retirement of the Russians in east Prussia and a Great British air raid on the coast of Belgium in which 34 British aeroplanes participated, appear today the biggest factors in the military situation. The diplomatic field is dominated by the American notes to Great Britain and Germany, especially Germany, where the newspapers and public are insisting, in spite of Washington's protest and possible consequences, that the German submarine policy must be pursued relentlessly.

The gist of German opinion would appear to be that neutral powers have been sufficiently warned to keep out of the military area, and inasmuch as Germany is facing starvation at the hands of Great Britain, there is no other course to pursue.

Heavy fighting is in progress once more in the Argonne and Vosges.

German submarines are believed to be responsible for the sinking of two more British merchantmen, and injury to another.

In the Carpathians, battles for the possession of the passes is still undecided. A Geneva dispatch says the Austrians suffered heavily from Russian bayonet attacks in Dukla pass. Battling in the Carpathians is going on in snow. Emperor William is reported still on the eastern front. Emperor Nicholas has just made a visit to Sebastopol, inspected Russian warships and made an address to the sailors.

Berlin announced today that more than a half mile of French positions in the Argonne have been won.

MURDERS TWO BROTHERS,
BURNS HOME, KILLS SELF

Athens, Mich., Feb. 13.—Ordered to move off the Lynn brothers' farm in Waukesha township, five miles northwest of Athens, Samuel Croster, a bachelor 55 years old, shot and killed Frank Lynn Thursday afternoon, fatally wounded George Lynn and then set fire to his own house and killed himself with a shotgun.

George Lynn, who was 60 years old, died without being able to tell any of the details of the shooting, which occurred in a wood lot on the farm.

Croster, who seemed to have been brooding over the eviction, order, found the brothers cutting wood, and without a word leveled his shotgun at Frank, fired. George tried to dodge behind a load of wood, but was also shot.

Afterward Croster ran to his house, half a mile away, and committed suicide. Neighbors, attracted by the fire he started, found all the bodies.

PLAN TO ENFORCE
IOWA'S DRY LAWS

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 13.—Attorney General Corson today began preparation of a bill he will have introduced in the assembly for the establishment of the offices of district attorney and district sheriff in Iowa to enforce statutory prohibition, which will be brought about through repeal of the mulct law. The bill has already been filed in the house providing for special state police. The attorney general will have the state divided in districts. In each district he proposes that a district attorney and sheriff be appointed. The attorney will have all the powers to prosecute offenders that the county attorneys now have.

NEW FILIBUSTER
ON THE SHIP BILLADMINISTRATION DEMOCRATS RE-
FRAMING MEASURE FOR AN-
OTHER HOUSE DRIVE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—While administration democrats were re-framing the ship bill for a new drive in the house, a republican filibuster blossomed "out today in the senate, where Gore tried to have the commerce committee discharged from consideration of his substitute to be used as one of the bases of compromise. Burton took the floor for a speech that promised to last all day.

BRESNAHAN TURNS
FOUR MEN ADRIFTLEACH, SWEENEY, SMITH AND
STACK UNCONDITIONALLY
RELEASED BY CUBS.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—The Chicago Nationals have released Tommy Leach, last year's captain, Second Baseman Sweeney and Pitchers Smith and Stack.

All four players were released unconditionally.

"I let them go to make room for young fellows, with whom I expect to build up the team," said Manager Bresnahan.

2,500 IN PANIC OVER FIRE
AT ILLINOIS CLUB MEET

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 13.—What the police believe was an attempt to set fire to the municipal auditorium yesterday during the Lincoln day celebration of the Illinois society threw a throng of 2,500 men, women and children into a panic. Somebody shouted fire. There was a general rush for the doors, but excitement subdued after the police had arrested one man.

A pile of smoking rags was found in a corner of the structure. The auditorium was the scene of a disaster two years ago in which nearly a score of men and women were killed.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Rain tonight turning to snow Sunday, colder tonight but with the temperature above freezing, colder Sunday; strong shifting winds.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 46. Highest yesterday 57, lowest last night 34.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 8 miles per hour.

Precipitation none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 100 at 7 a. m. 100.

Stage of water 4.4, a rise of 3 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Saturn, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter. Morning star: Venus. An annular eclipse of the sun; invisible in America. Line of central eclipse passes over western Australia, where a partial eclipse will be visible in the early afternoon for two hours.

BRITISH RAID
FROM SKY IS
BIGGEST YETThough Germany Insists
Little Damage is Done
to Her Military

CIVILIANS SUFFERERS

Grahame-White Falls in Sea in
Allies' Ship, but War Ves-
sel Rescues Him.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Official: "Enemy aviators yesterday dropped bombs on the coast. They caused regrettable damage to the civil population, while from a military point of view we suffered only slight losses. On the extreme front artillery and ammunition were found which doubtless originated in American factories. The number of prisoners taken during attacks, which were repulsed yesterday, west of Souain, was increased today by four officers and 478 men. Before our front 200 of the enemy were found killed, while our losses in these engagements in killed and injured amounted to 80. On both sides on the east Prussia frontier our operations are progressing successfully."

Paris, Feb. 13.—Official: "From the sea to Lys Germans yesterday bombarded violently Neuport and the country of dunes. Some ten aviators have flown over the region of Verdun. The bombs did no damage. German attacks on our trenches in north Verdun the nights of Feb. 11 and 12 were repulsed."

London, Feb. 13.—Thirty-four naval aeroplanes and seaplanes yesterday raided Bruges, Zeebrugge, Ostend, Middelkerke, and Blankenberghe, all in Belgium. During the day five French aviators dropped bombs on the German military aerodrome at Habsheim, an Alsatian town on the outskirts of Muehlhausen. The extent of the damage there is unknown.

In Belgium, however, the fleet of aircraft, under command of Wing Commander Samson, was accurate in the fire at Ostend, burning the railway station.

Only one accident to the British is reported. Claude Grahame-White, the veteran aviator, fell into the sea off Neuport, but was rescued by a French vessel.

A description of the raid was given out by the official information bureau as follows:

"During the last 24 hours combined aeroplane and seaplane operations have been carried out by the naval wing in the Bruges, Zeebrugge, Blankenberghe, and Ostend districts, with a view to preventing the development of submarine bases and establishments. Thirty-four naval aeroplanes and seaplanes took part.

"Great damage is reported to have been done to the Ostend railway station, which, according to present information probably has been burned to the ground. The railway station at Blankenberghe was damaged and the railway lines were torn up in many places."

"Bombs were dropped on gun positions at Middelkerke and also on the power station and the German mine sweeping vessels at Zeebrugge, but the damage done is unknown."

"Flight Commander Grahame-White fell into the sea off Neuport and was rescued by a French vessel."

"The seaplanes and aeroplanes were under the command of Wing Commander Samson."

Claude Grahame-White, who fell into the sea, is one of the best known of aviators, on account of his daring exploits and his success as a racer.

He has made several trips to the United States, on one of which, in the fall of 1910, he earned \$75,000 in prizes. He has been in several accidents, but never was injured seriously. The Porte mentioned in the office dispatch is Lieutenant John Cyril Porte, one of Great Britain's most distinguished airmen.

He was selected by Rodman Wanamaker of Philadelphia to pilot the America from Newfoundland to this side of the Atlantic and was preparing to write of his experiences especially for The Tribune and the New York World.

Lieutenant Porte was experimenting with the huge aircraft at Hammondsport, N. Y., when the war started. He abandoned the undertaking and immediately returned home to join the naval air squadron. The America was sold to Great Britain.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 13.—Roswell C. F. Smith was hanged here today for the murder of Hazel Weinstein, 4 years old. His execution was the 60th hanging in Cook county.

CARRANZA FORCES
TO QUIT CAPITALZAPATISTAS DESTROY WATER-
WORKS AND FOOD SUPPLY IS
GETTING SHORTER.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—Zapata forces have destroyed the waterworks in Mexico City. The food famine has become more critical and indications are that the Carranza forces may soon evacuate, were the official advice from the state department today.

Officials here are much concerned over reports coming the last three days. With lack of food, unrest of the population and the fact that Mexico City is of no great strategic importance, diplomats in Mexico City fear the place may be left without semblance of authority any moment.

Vera Cruz, Feb. 13.—Jose Caro, Spanish minister expelled from Mexico by General Carranza, accepted an invitation of the American government to take refuge on the battleship Delaware, which he boarded here today.

COURT RULING ANNULS
\$3,000,000 REALTY DEAL

Madison, Wis., Feb. 13.—The state supreme court in a decision handed down yesterday declared void the entire state forestry plan, canceling purchases of land already made amounting to approximately \$3,000,000.

The decision nullifies the policy authorized by the legislature of setting aside lands for the purpose of reforestation and prohibits the purchasing of lands under contract as a violation of the constitutional prohibition against the creation of a public debt.

The case arose over the attempt made by State Forester Griffith to secure the payment of a \$20,000 installment due the G. E. Sanborn company on a land contract, applying to Secretary of State Donald for a warrant upon the treasurer for the amount.

ANTI-ABSINTHE MEASURE
WINS THE FRENCH HOUSE

Paris, Feb. 13.—The chamber of deputies Friday adopted the bill prohibiting the sale of absinthe.

Indemnities will be granted to manufacturers affected by the bill, and will be covered in a special act later. The bill also applies to Algeria and the colonies, and will be proposed for adoption by the protectors.

The measure now goes to the senate. During the debate yesterday Deputy Edouard Lachaud, a radical-republican, said: "Absinthe suppression is only the commencement. We will arrive at the suppression of all similar appetizers."

An amendment was offered making the prohibitive features of the bill apply also to alcohol and bitters, but it was withdrawn after the statement was made that this would be the object of a report by a special committee and that propositions tending to the suppression of all alcoholic extracts were being considered.

FOR KILLING LECTURER

Five Marshall, Texas, Men Charged
With Murder of William Black.

Marshall, Texas, Feb. 13.—Five arrests were made Friday on indictments charging the murder of William Black, the anti-Catholic lecturer killed here last week during a conference with a local committee which was calling on him to ask him to stop speaking here. The arrested men were released on bond. The grand jury which handed down these indictments is still in session. When it reported the indictments Judge H. T. Littleton sent the jurors back with instructions to go over the evidence again carefully and report. No further report has yet been made.

ENEMY MUST BE BEATEN,
KAISER SAYS TO TROOPS

Rotterdam, Feb. 13.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, describing the visit of Emperor William to Lodz, Poland, last Sunday, says:

"The streets were lined with land-sturm troops. The emperor attended church and during the prayer removed his helmet and bowed his head for a long time. Afterward he addressed the troops, fervently saying Germany would not rest until the enemy was beaten to the ground. He emphasized this statement with a crack of his riding whip."

CLAIMED HE WAS ROBBED;
PUT ON TRAIN BY COPS

A man giving his name as Edward Herriek and representing himself as an undertaker of St. Louis called at the home of B. F. Griffith east of St. Louis Thursday evening and told a dramatic story of how he was assaulted and robbed of \$85 that afternoon in the St. Louis stockyards. His head was bleeding from a wound inflicted by some instrument, his clothing was torn and soiled and he had no shoes. He appeared to be groggy and he said it was the result of the blow on his head. The matter was reported to Marshal W. E. Hopen of St. Louis, who, after hearing the man's story, put him on the train for Des Moines, for which city the stranger was bound.

Later Hopson made an investigation and in a stock pen he found a pair of shoes, a box of snuff, a number of hairpins, a washpan and soap and 15 cents. He is unable to account for the presence of these articles and the case may always be a mystery.

SAY ENGLAND
WILL SATISFY
IN FLAG CASEColors Will Be Used Only
as Warning of Neu-
trals Aboard

PROTECTS AMERICANS

London Newspapers Forecast
Contents of Great Britain
Reply—Berlin Comment.

London, Feb. 13.—That the British government will have no difficulty in giving a satisfactory reply to the American note on the use of the American flag by British merchantmen is the contention of afternoon papers of London, which virtually unite in expressing the opinion that a neutral flag will be used by British vessels only as an intimation to German warships that there are neutral passengers and goods aboard. The Pall Mall Gazette attaches "immense significance" to the phrase in the American note to Germany—"or cause the death of American citizens"—as meaning that Americans aboard British ships will be equally protected by the home government as those on board American ships.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—The text of the American note concerning the new German naval war zone is not yet known to the German press and comment has been based entirely on news dispatches from Washington. The Koelnische Zeitung has republished prominently from the Tages Zeitung an article by Count Von Reventlow, naval critic, which in part says:

"This marine war zone was announced by Germany for the very reason that safety of navigation therein cannot be guaranteed. Vessels of neutrals enter the war zone only at their own risk. This condition of affairs, and consequences it may bring after Feb. 18 cannot be changed or influenced by any representations or demands from Washington."

Wilhelmina Seizure Discussed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—The German ambassador discussed with Secretary Bryan today the case of the American steamer Wilhelmina, whose cargo of foodstuffs destined to civilians in Germany, is held by the British authorities at Falmouth. The ambassador reiterated the attempt, he declared, Great Britain was making to starve the civil population of his country by preventing foodstuffs entering Germany would have to meet by Germany's attempt to cut off commerce with the British Isles. In that connection the ambassador reassured that binding assurances would be given by Germany that none of the foodstuffs imported would be used for military purposes.

British Steamers Torpedoed?

Havre, (via Paris), Feb. 13.—Shipping circles here consider it practically certain that the British steamers Oriole and London Trader have been torpedoed and sunk by German submarines. The Oriole was last seen Jan. 30, near Dungeness in company with the London Trader. A telegram from Rome says James Cullen, a survivor of the London Trader, landed there by the steamer Poland, the captain of which said another ship, whose name he could not give, had saved three other sailors from the Trader. The Oriole crew numbered 21.

England to Sell Cargoes.

London, Feb. 13.—There is every indication that cargo foodstuffs on American steamships will not go through prize court, but will be sold to the American commission for the relief of Belgium.

JAIL BUILDING BODY
HOLDS ALL DAY MEET

The special jail building committee convened at 11 o'clock this morning at the court house in what promised to be an all day session. At noon little had been accomplished but when convening for the afternoon session the body hoped to name an architect before evening.

Speaks With Foreigners.

J. G. Sholes, commander of Graham post, G. A. R. of Moline, last evening spoke at the night school for foreigners. His address was in the nature of a lesson in patriotism.

NEW DOUGHERTY
TRIAL IS REFUSED

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 13.—The supreme court today denied a new trial to Newton C. Dougherty, former superintendent of schools of Peoria, twice convicted of misappropriation of funds. He is at liberty on bail. He has served seven years in the penitentiary. The board of pardons will consider his case Monday.